



Family Court News

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2007 Data Shows Family Courts Serving Thousands of Children and Families

Thanks to everyone for all your hard work in completing the 2007 Family Court Reports. With the exception of a few glitches, the new electronic format seemed to work well, and soon JTAC will be working to combine the data into a massive spreadsheet for more detailed analysis. A preliminary look at the data shows that last year the twenty-three active family court counties served over 5000 children and 7000 adults. For those counties who reported data on multiple cases, the average number of cases per family was approximately four. I know compiling numbers is everyone's least favorite part of the job, but having this kind of data available is tremendously helpful when justifying continued funding for the project. As soon as it is completed I will make the statewide summary available to everyone. Thanks again for all you do, and if you encountered any problems with the report that you have not already shared with me, please let me know so we can improve the system for next year.

Family Courts in the News

Kudos to Vanderburgh and Vigo Counties for their recent local press coverage. To read the articles, follow these links: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2008/jan/12/families-get-help-navigating-courts/> and http://www.tribstar.com/archivesearch/local_story_026225045.html. We love to see you in the news, so please let me know if you get some local press coverage.

STAD Settling in to New Home

On December 29, all of STAD's belongings were moved into our new space at 30 South Meridian. A month later, the dust is settling, we have located most of our things, and everyone is starting to find our way around. We are still having the occasional issue with mail forwarding, phones, etc., so please bear with us as we go through a few growing pains. We are constantly working to serve you better.